

**COMBINED DECLARATION
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

(Original, Design, National Stage of PCT, Divisional, Continuation or C-I-P Application)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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This declaration is of the following type:

- ☐ original
- ☐ design
- ☒ national stage of PCT.
- ☐ divisional
- ☐ continuation
- ☐ continuation-in-part (C-I-P)

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b), or (c))

- (a) ☐ is attached hereto.
- (b) ☒ was filed on December 31, 2001 as Application Serial No. 10/030,018 and was amended on (if applicable).
- (c) ☐ was described and claimed in International Patent Application No. filed on and was amended on (if applicable).

Acknowledgement of Review of Papers and Duty of Candor

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

- ☐ In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.98.

Priority Claim

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT International Application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT International Application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed

(complete (d) or (e))

- (d) ☐ no such applications have been filed.

(e) [X] such applications have been filed as follows:

| PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION | | | | |
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| COUNTRY | APPLICATION NO. | DATE OF FILING (day, month, year) | DATE OF ISSUE (day, month, year) | PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119 |
| PCT | PCT/IL/01/00719 | 02/08/01 | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
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| Israel | 139,788 | 20/11/2000 | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
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Claim for Benefit of Prior U.S. Provisional Application(s)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, ' 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

| Provisional Application Number | Filing Date |
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Claim for Benefit of Earlier U.S./PCT Application(s) under 35 U.S.C. 120

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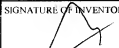
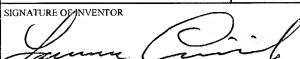
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